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THOUSAND REPLACEMENTS IN SIX MONTHS PROVIDED BY ARMY CAMP

Camp Shelby, Miss.—First Battalion 442d Infantry Regiment was left at Camp Shelby, Miss., as a separate replacement training unit when the 442d Combat Team embarked for overseas service April 20, 1944, and was redesignated and reorganized as 171st Infantry Battalion, Separate, on August 10, 1944, under the command of Lt. Col. Sherman L. Watts with a cadre of some three or four hundred old non-commissioned and commissioned officers.

Fillers reported here beginning May 1, 1944, from all over the United States and Hawaii, mostly from the pool of Enlisted Reserve personnel called to active duty from the several War Relocation centers.

On The Other Hand

By Roy M. Takeno

Restoration of civil government in Hawaii, we can imagine, will be appreciated immeasurably by the more than 400,000 people there, who, since the Pearl Harbor attack, have been enduring the war-necessitated measure.

We can imagine that several factors persuaded the President and the military command in charge to lift martial law. Perhaps the recent visit paid the islands by the President himself tended to clinch the authorities' decision.

To the Japanese and Japanese Americans in Hawaii, who comprise roughly two-fifths of the island population, the Presidential act may be interpreted as a measure of confidence in them by the Federal authorities.

Of course, the almost legendary heroism of the original Hawaii combat team's action in Italy could not help but support the belief that these soldiers and their people are of a stock of those islands' populace which is proving their loyalty in an unmistakable manner.

Of supreme importance as a factor in the government's decision to lift martial law, of course, is the mounting success of the American army and naval forces in the Pacific, now accentuated by the in-progress actions in the Philippines.

Peace Returns To Tule Lake Project

Tule Lake, Calif.—A report today from the Colonial Peace Department disclosed that the relations with the residents has greatly improved since the department's formation two months ago. "The understanding that we have their cooperation in maintaining peace and order in the community," said the department.

Following the killing of a prominent segregation official of the co-op, Yazo Hitopai, the personnel of the preceding police force resigned because, according to reports, the segregation policemen could not secure the cooperation of the residents.

Since its formation Aug. 4, over 200 cases have been handled by the department. A majority of them were lost and found reports. Five persons were convicted and sentenced on assault and threat charges, but this number was reported low in proportion to the population.

The present force is composed of 131 members and the current 37 vacancies are expected to be filled by November.

CANADIAN ENLISTEES ARE ASKED WHETHER THEY WILL FIGHT NIPPON

Toronto, Canada—The special application form for enlistment for Japanese Canadians asks the very specific question whether the applicant is willing to serve against the country of his parents' origin.

In practically every case, it may be said with a great deal of certainty, Nisei volunteers will answer "yes." It may be said that they view the question as unnecessary.

Other questions which are asked in the form are the ad-Japan, status of parents in re-

MARINE TOOK CHARGE OF YOUNG NISEI BRIDE ENROUTE TO CAMP

The Cleveland, Ohio, WRA office recently disclosed a story concerning an experience a young Nisei bride had when she took a trip to Camp Blanding, Fla., to visit her husband who was stationed there.

The young woman was reading a paper in the coach when a Caucasian Marine came up to her, tapped her on the shoulder and asked: "Are you a Nisei?" the story begins.

The Nisei wondered but she replied in the affirmative. The answer seemed to please the Marine very much and he said, "I have been in the South Pacific for two years and I have been very close to the Nisei out in the front lines. I owe plenty to the Nisei and I want to show my appreciation. You must be my guest for the rest of the trip."

From then on the Marine took

Author-Lecturer To Speak on Race Issue

With an imposing roster of sponsors, including the JACL, Carey McWilliams, lecturer and author of "Prejudice: Japanese Americans, Symbol of Racial Intolerance," will discuss, "Changing Patterns of Race Relations on the Pacific Coast," on Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 p. m., at the Morey Junior High School auditorium, Fourteenth and Clarkson Streets.

This event of special interest to Japanese Americans, both from the standpoint of the author and his emphasis upon "what about our Japanese Americans," is worthy of the attendance of all interested in the situation of this minority group, it was declared at the Citizens' League office.

Handbills and post cards to notify friends of Japanese Americans regarding this McWilliams speech are available at the JACL office, 430 Sixteenth Street.

Author Pleads For Lifting of Ban

Boston, Mass.—The lifting of the military ban excluding persons of Japanese ancestry from their West Coast homes is recommended by Carey McWilliams, noted author and authority on the problems of America's racial minorities, in his new book, "Prejudice: Japanese Americans, Symbol of Racial Intolerance," published this week by Little, Brown and Co. of Boston.

RETURN CIVIL RULE TO ISLES

Honolulu—Civil government has returned to Hawaii for the first time since the islands were the target of Japanese warfare on Dec. 7, 1941.

President Roosevelt, Lieut. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., army commander of the Hawaiian department, and Gov. Richard M. Stainback of Hawaii, each announced the lifting of martial law Tuesday.

The most important effect of the presidential proclamation was to restore to Hawaiian citizens the right of trial in civil courts and the right of habeas corpus.

Security measures still may be enforced by the military because the district is a "military area," as are other areas of the United States, notably the east coast, the west coast, the southern sea frontier and Alaska, Governor Stainback said.

Mr. McWilliams suggests the abrogation of the present restrictions in view of the changed military situation.

CITE RISING TIDE OF PREJUDICES

The proposed amendment to prohibit ownership of real estate by aliens in Colorado was attacked as "Fascist" yesterday by Dr. William S. Bernard, associate professor of sociology at the University of Colorado, at a banquet of the Denver Cosmopolitan Club in Grace Community Church.

"Whispers and slanders are nothing new, but for the first time in Colorado prejudice is daring to organize openly, in the movement to ban sales of land to aliens," Dr. Bernard declared. "Directed especially at the Japanese, the land sales ban movement could and would in time include other aliens. In our constant confusion of race and culture, we oppose 100 per cent Fascist doctrines and play into our enemies' hands."

"There is a rising tide of prejudice today in Colorado, higher than it has been in 20 years. Free adoption of doctrines and practices discriminating against our minorities is the one way to nullify our coming military victories, by making the world safe for Fascism."

Soldier To Undergo His Third Operation

Hunt, Idaho—Sgt. Shigeo Sumioka, 26, formerly of Seattle, who was wounded on the Italian front, arrived here October 14 to visit his father, Sakichi Sumioka. Sgt. Sumioka is the first wounded soldier to visit his family in Hunt.

Wounded in the right leg by shrapnel on July 11, Sumioka spent two and one-half months in a hospital in Italy. He arrived at Mitchell Field, New York, by plane on September 29.

Following a month's furlough in Hunt, Sgt. Sumioka will report back to an Illinois army hospital for his third operation. According to doctors, the nerve in his leg which must be grafted will require from one to two years to heal completely.

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